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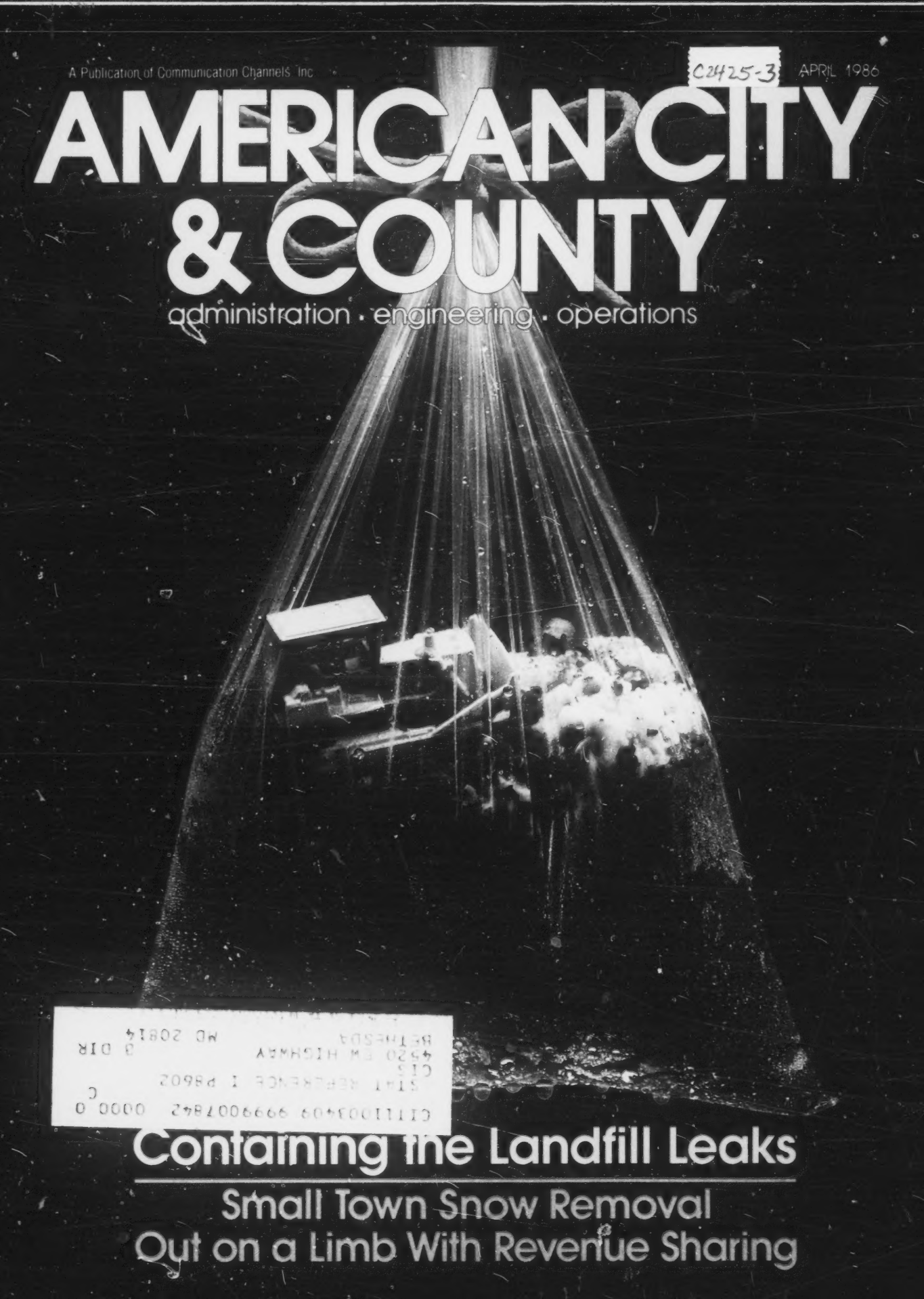

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Containing landfill leaks is a prime concern of both local governments and the public, and one that has sparked national recognition of the need for tighter environmental controls. Today's problematic situation and new corrective legislation are featured beginning on page 28. (Photo by John Carter of Atlanta.)

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MUNICIPAL COST INDEXES

Following a slight decline to 367.4 in March, the *Construction Cost Index* again is climbing — up 0.3 percent for the month and 1 percent for the year.

The *Producer Price Index* reported the only index decline for April, down by more than one point to 309.0, or 0.4 percent. The *Municipal Cost Index* had a 0.1 percent gain, and the *Consumer Price Index* rose to 328.4 — for a 3.9 percent yearly growth.

Most of the fuel family, which has climbed steadily in recent months, now post sizeable declines. Fuel oil no. 2 fell by 9 percent, residual fuel by 8.1 percent and diesel fuel by 8 percent. Sand/gravel and trucks reported the largest increases. □

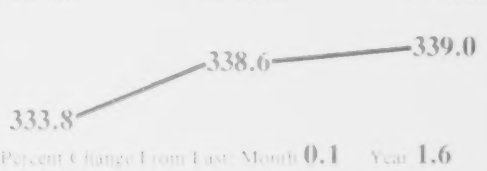
— Terri Stone

THIS MONTH'S MARKETBASKET

	Current Index	Percent Change From: Last Month	Last Year
Air Conditioners	148.1	0.4	1.6
Apparel	182.4	0.5	1.1
Asphalt Roofing	405.2	0.3	1.1
Books	136.6	0.0	4.3
Chemicals, Industrial	339.9	1.4	0.9
Coal	541.2	0.2	1.2
Concrete Products	325.5	0.4	3.5
Construction Machinery	365.0	0.4	0.8
Diesel Fuel	652.7	8.0	1.7
Electric Components	198.9	0.2	0.2
Electric Lamps	346.5	0.1	2.0
Electric Power	454.5	0.6	1.9
Engines, I.C.	348.2	0.3	2.7
Fans, Blowers	361.9	2.0	1.2
Fertilizers, Mixed	250.9	1.6	3.8
Floor Coverings	189.6	0.4	2.1
Flow Instruments	233.3	0.3	1.2
Footwear	259.7	0.3	2.7
Foundry Products	363.8	0.1	0.4
Fuel Oil No. 2	687.5	9.0	1.1
Furniture	315.2	0.5	5.0
Gasoline	532.8	6.5	0.5
Generator Sets	351.8	0.1	3.3
Glass	229.9	0.1	3.9
Glass Containers	386.9	0.0	6.4
Gypsum Products	360.3	1.0	9.6
Hardware	309.9	0.5	2.4
Heating Equipment	264.6	0.9	3.2
HVAC Controls	125.9	0.6	0.2
LP Gas	631.4	1.6	9.1
Lubricants	376.5	2.4	1.3
Lumber	330.0	1.5	N/A
Metal Fabrications	314.6	0.1	0.9
Millwork	311.7	0.1	0.3
Motor Vehicle Parts	355.5	0.1	0.8
Mowers	263.4	0.5	1.1
Natural Gas	1335.5	0.5	3.9
Office Machines	154.5	0.8	0.7
Paint	279.4	0.4	0.4
Paper	301.0	0.1	1.7
Passenger Cars	230.1	1.0	1.3
Plumbing Fixtures	314.8	0.0	2.7
Plywood	229.5	0.6	2.0
Portland Cement	358.7	0.6	0.5
Residual Fuel	877.7	8.1	21.9
Sand, Gravel	311.8	3.5	0.5
Sanitary Papers	380.4	0.1	1.9
Soaps, Detergents	275.5	0.0	1.1
Sporting Goods	203.0	0.4	0.5
Steel Mill Products	349.4	4.3	4.9
Struc. Clay Products	305.4	1.8	4.8
Switchgear	281.9	0.1	0.9
Tires, Tubes	235.7	0.0	1.1
Transformers	233.0	0.1	1.0
Trucks	344.9	2.9	10.9
Valves	106.1	0.8	2.4
Wire, Cable	308.9	0.9	1.2
Wiring Devices	369.3	1.4	2.5

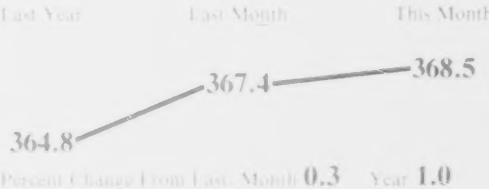
At-A-Glance Changes

MUNICIPAL COST INDEX



Percent Change From: Last Month 0.1 Year 1.6

CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX



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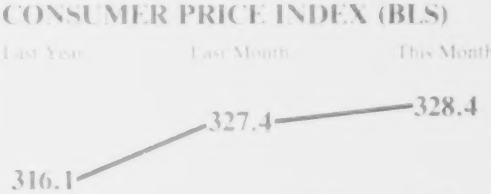
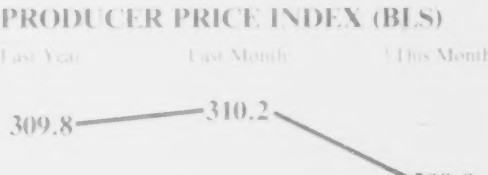
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (BLS)



Percent Change From: Last Month 0.3 Year 3.9

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (BLS)



Percent Change From: Last Month −0.4 Year −0.3

QUARTERLY MUNICIPAL TRENDS

	Current Level	Percent Change From: Last Qtr.	Last Year
Receipts	581.8B	2.1	7.3
Federal Grants	101.5B	0.9	4.3
Durable Purchases	20.6B	2.0	7.3
Consumables	39.8B	4.2	7.0
Services	357.3B	1.9	7.9
Structures	57.5B	1.7	19.8
Salaries, Wages	286.9B	1.9	7.7
Surplus	56.9B	0.7	8.4
Employment	13.624M	0.4	2.9